

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 24th FEBRUARY 2025**

Question

“In relation to the newly published [Residential Space Standards](#) Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG), will the Minister provide details of the changes made when compared to the previous SPG; and advise what consideration, if any, was given to ‘Minimum Residential Space Standards’ ([P.87/2023](#)) in developing the updated SPG?”

Answer

Changes to supplementary planning guidance have been made to give effect to the Minister’s decision to remove the 3,000 square feet (279 square metres) floorspace limit on the development of larger homes, as set out in MD-ENV-2025-0094: [Supplementary Planning Guidance: 3000 sq. ft. Floorspace Limit: Review](#).

The specific change to [Residential space standards guidance.pdf](#) (February 2025), as stated in Section 1: introduction of the revised guidance, was ‘*to remove reference to a standard about the development of larger homes in excess of 279 square metres (sqm.) or 3,000 square feet (sqft.) gross internal floorspace.*’

As stated in the Minister’s response to an oral question in December last year ([States Assembly | OQ.238/2024](#)), the work required to be undertaken in response to the Assembly’s request for the Minister to review parts of the guidance for residential space standards (as set out in part (a) [P-87-2023.pdf](#)) is being actively progressed: the Minister is currently viewing a number of properties in this respect as part of his consideration of this matter.

As a result of the Minister’s review, a report will be tabled with the Assembly, as soon as possible, in due course.